

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

ELLIOT GARCIA,

Plaintiff,

v.

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

Defendant.

No. 23-CV-3499 (RA)

ORDER

RONNIE ABRAMS, United States District Judge:

To conserve resources, to promote judicial efficiency, and in an effort to achieve a faster disposition of this matter, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties must discuss whether they are willing to consent, under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), to conducting all further proceedings before Magistrate Judge Willis.

If both parties consent to proceed before Judge Willis, counsel for the defendant must, **within two weeks of the date of this Order**, file a fully executed Notice, Consent, and Reference of a Civil Action to a Magistrate Judge form, a copy of which is attached to this Order (and also available at <https://www.nysd.uscourts.gov/forms/consent-proceed-us-magistrate-judge>). If the Court approves that form, all further proceedings will then be conducted before Judge Willis rather than before me. Any appeal would be taken directly to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, as it would be from this Court if the consent form were not signed and so ordered. An information sheet on proceedings before magistrate judges is also attached to this Order.

If either party does not consent to conducting all further proceedings before Judge Willis, the parties must file a joint letter, **within two weeks of this Order**, advising the Court that the parties do not consent, **but without disclosing the identity of the party or parties who do not**

consent. At that time, the Court will then refer this case to Judge Willis for a report and recommendation on any motion for judgment on the pleadings. The parties are free to withhold consent to conducting all further proceedings before Judge Willis without negative consequences.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: June 26, 2023
New York, New York

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ronnie Abrams', written over a horizontal line.

Ronnie Abrams
United States District Judge